IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0007] with the following amended paragraph:

The present invention is therefore directed to binders comprising aqueous non-ionically stabilised epoxy resins ABC which are mixtures of adducts of polyethylene glycol-modified epoxy resins **A** and epoxy resins **B** that are free from polyethylene glycol, with olefinically unsaturated acids **C** ~~with~~ having olefinically unsaturated groups containing building blocks derived from epoxy resins A modified with polyethylene glycol, epoxy resins B being free from polyethylene glycol derived groups, and olefinically unsaturated acids C.

Please replace paragraph [0008] with the following amended paragraph:

A further subject of the present invention are mixtures of the aqueous non-ionically stabilised epoxy resins ABC which are mixtures of adducts of polyethylene glycol-modified epoxy resins **A** and epoxy resins **B** that are free from polyethylene glycol, with olefinically unsaturated acids **C** with unsaturated urethanes DEF derived from polyfunctional isocyanates D, of polyhydric alcohols E, and of hydroxyl group-containing olefinically unsaturated compounds F.

Please replace paragraph [0009] with the following amended paragraph:

A further subject of the present invention is a process for the preparation of the aqueous non-ionically stabilised epoxy resins ABC which are mixtures of adducts of polyethylene glycol-modified epoxy resins **A** and epoxy resins **B** that are free from

polyethylene glycol, with olefinically unsaturated acids **C** and a process for the preparation of mixtures of the epoxy resins ABC and the unsaturated urethanes DEF.

Please replace paragraph [0010] with the following amended paragraph:

The invention further relates to a preferred embodiment wherein the aqueous non-ionically stabilised epoxy resins ABC which are mixtures of adducts of polyethylene glycol-modified epoxy resins **A** and epoxy resins **B** that are free from polyethylene glycol, with olefinically unsaturated acids **C**, optionally as a mixture with the unsaturated urethanes DEF, are mixed with reaction products G'GHI of epoxy resins G' with at least two epoxide groups per molecule, and reaction products GHI of epoxy resins G, fatty acids H, and amines I, as described in the published European patent application EP-A 1 233 034.

Please replace paragraph [0024] with the following amended paragraph:

The invention further relates to a preferred embodiment wherein to the aqueous non-ionically stabilised epoxy resin ABC which are mixtures of adducts of polyethylene glycol-modified epoxy resins **A** and epoxy resins **B** that are free from polyethylene glycol, with olefinically unsaturated acids **C** or to the mixture thereof with the unsaturated urethane DEF, reaction products G'GHI of epoxy resins G' having at least two epoxide groups per molecule and reaction products GHI of epoxy resins G, fatty acids H and amines I, which have been described in the European Patent Application EP-A 1 233 034. The description of these reaction products and the synthetical procedure leading to these is incorporated herein by reference. The experiments that

have led to the instant invention have shown that the excellent corrosion protection of coatings formulated with the aqueous non-ionically stabilised epoxy resins according to the invention can still be improved by such admixture.

Please replace paragraph [0030] with the following amended paragraph:

The invention further relates to a process for the preparation of the said mixtures of the aqueous non-ionically stabilised epoxy resins ABC which are mixtures of adducts of polyethylene glycol-modified epoxy resins **A** and epoxy resins **B** that are free from polyethylene glycol, with olefinically unsaturated acids **C**, wherein at first, a chain extended resin is made from the epoxy resin A modified with polyethylene glycol, the hydroxy compound on which the epoxy resin is based, and the diepoxide on which the epoxy resin is based, in the mode of an advancement reaction, mixing this chain-extended epoxy resin with the non-modified epoxy resin B and reacting the mixture thus obtained with the olefinically unsaturated acid C. An adduct mixture ABC is formed under ring opening of the epoxy rings, the molecules formed having a semiester group and a hydroxyl group which is preferably secondary. In a separate reaction (step 3), a urethane acrylate DEF is made from a polyfunctional isocyanate, optionally, a saturated polyhydric aliphatic compound E, and an olefinically unsaturated aliphatic hydroxy compound F having one hydroxyl group and at least one olefinic double bond. Finally, the adduct mixture ABC is mixed in the fourth step with the unsaturated urethanes DEF to form the mixtures according to the invention.

The basis for this amendment is page 6, lines 5 to 12 where it is explained that **A** is mixed with **B**, and the mixture of **A** and **B** is then reacted with **C**, under opening of epoxy rings, and formation of a semiester group and a hydroxyl group.